

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR UNWINDING A NEEDLE PORTION,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as

United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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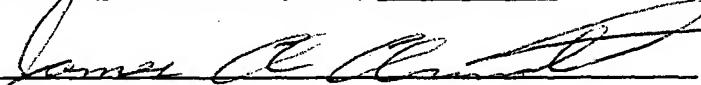
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WHEREAS, the ASSIGNEE, Tyco Healthcare Group LP, 15 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the ASSIGNEE the ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all letters patent and reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

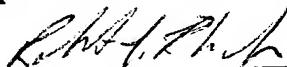
It is agreed that ASSIGNOR shall be legally bound, upon request and at the expense of the ASSIGNEE or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments and do such other acts as may be necessary and proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the ASSIGNEE and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

ASSIGNOR hereby warrants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed on the day indicated below.

ASSIGNOR #1:

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Signature

Date: 03/23/2001

Witness as to ASSIGNOR #1: (Optional) _____

ASSIGNOR #2:

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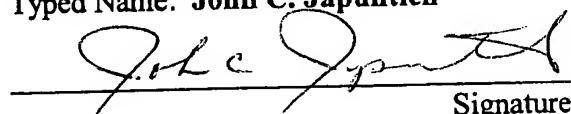
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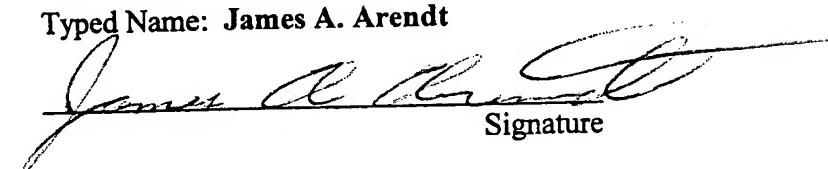
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